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SUBJECT:CUL/SCI EXCHANGES TALKS

REFERENCE: PRAGUE 2792

1. WE AGREE TO INSERTION OF "PURE AND APPLIED SCIENCE" IN LEAD ARTICLE (REFTEL, PARA 3).

2. EMBASSY SHOULD CONTINUE TO RESIST ATTEMPTS TO INCLUDE REFERENCE TO SCHOLARSHIPS IN SCIENTIFIC SECTION. WE SEE NO REASON TO REPEAT REFERENCE MADE IN CUL/ED ARTICLE.

3. RE GRADUATE STUDENTS, WHAT ASSURANCES CAN CZECHS GIVE THAT THE AGREEMENT WILL NOT PROHIBIT AMERICAN UNDERGRADUATES FROM SEEKING TO STUDY IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA? (REFTEL. PARA 8). YOU MAY INFORM ZEMLA THAT CU DOES NOT NORMALLY AWARD GRANTS TO UNDERGRADUATES, EITHER US OR FOREIGN, AND THAT WE HAVE GRADUATE STUDENTS IN MIND. HOWEVER, WE DO NOT WISH TO FORECLOSE OPPORTUNITIES FOR AMERICAN UNDERGRADUATES TO STUDY IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA UNDER PRIVATE ARRANGEMENTS, AS
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IN OTHER EAST EUROPEAN COUNTRIES. THE DECISION TO ACCEPT

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THEM WOULD OF COURSE BE UP TO THE CZECHOSLOVAKS, AS WELL AS THE DECISION ON THE LEVEL OF THEIR STUDENTS COMING TO THE U.S. IT APPEARS THEREFORE THAT THE TERM "STUDENT" ADEQUATELY COVERS THE NEEDS OF BOTH SIDES.

4. WE CONCUR WITH EMBASSY POSITION TO RETAIN SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO "HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES" FOR APPROPRIATE BALANCE (REFTEL, PARA 7). THIS WILL BE HELPFUL IN NEGOTIATION OF PROGRAM DOCUMENT.

5. WE AGREE TO SEPARATE ARTICLE ON SPORTS COOPERATION (REFTEL, PARA 12).

6. YOUR COMPROMISE LANGUAGE IS APPROVED. DO NOT REPEAT NOT DROP "NEWSPAPERS" AT THIS TIME. (REFTEL, PARA 14).

7. WE CAN AGREE TO COMPROMISE WITH TWO YEAR INITIAL AGREEMENT FOLLOWED BY TWO (NOT THREE) YEAR RENEWAL (REFTEL, PARA 17).

8. DEPARTMENT AGREES WITH APPROACH OUTLINED IN YOUR PARAGRAPH 18. YOU SHOULD MAKE STRONG PITCH FOR CULTURAL CENTER. CZECH STAND AGAINST EXCHANGING CENTERS WITH CAPITALIST COUNTRIES IS CLEARLY DISCRIMINATORY AGAINST WESTERN STATES AND HARDLY IN KEEPING WITH CSCE.

9. WE HAVE JUST RECEIVED EMBASSY'S TEXT OF AGREEMENT AS IT NOW STANDS (PRAGUE 2806). AT FIRST GLANCE IT APPEARS THERE ARE A FEW PROBLEMS WHICH MUST BE IRONED OUT. IT WILL TAKE SOME TIME TO STUDY THE DRAFT, AND WE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO GIVE YOU OUR COMMENTS IN TIME FOR OCTOEER 1 MEETING. ROBINSON

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